



The weather cleared by Friday afternoon and we took an "exciting" taxi ride to the Spanish Steps, with our cab driver working his way through the pedestrian mall of the Via Condotti!



From the Spanish Steps we walked the Via Condotti, Rome's famous shopping street. It's a pedestrian only zone ... in Italy that means the cars drive a little slower through the crowds than usual.





Friday ended with a visit to the Trevi Fountain just before dark. From there we walked back to the Pantheon and had a wonderful dinner. This was our seventh meal in Italy, and for the seventh time Nick said "This is the BEST food I ever ate in my life!"

On Saturday morning, we walked to the train station for a day trip to Orvieto. Near the station, we visited the church of Santa Maria Maggiore.





Santa Maria Maggiore



Saturday, April 21:
We bought round trip
tickets from Rome's Termini
station to Orvieto, about
a one and a half hour trip.

At Orvieto, we boarded a
funicular for a ride to the
cliff-top old town.



Orvieto's Duomo





The Duomo's frescos and alabaster windows were beautiful.



We enjoyed seeing Orvieto's ceramic shops, and Sharon bought some locally made crocheted lace that she couldn't resist.





Sunday, April 22: We picked up our rental car in Rome and drove an hour and a half south to spend the day with Giovanni and Felicetta Rossi and their family in Ceprano.

The whole family got together at Ben and Mariella's home. Mariella made a wonderful dinner that we spent all afternoon enjoying!



Felicetta, Rocky and Mariella





Bettie, Sharon, Felicetta, Mariella and Romina



Nick, Bettie,
Mariella, Ben,
Felicetta, Giovanni,
Sharon and Gary

